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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

Claims cancelled by Applicant – 3, 24, 33-37 and 47-60.

Claims rejected by Examiner, sent to Board of Appeals - 1, 2, 4-23, 25-32, 38-46, 61 and 62.

Claims on which Examiner was affirmed by Board, now cancelled by Examiner – 25-27, 38-42, 44-46 and 62.

Claims allowed – 1, 2, 4-23 and 61.

Claims 28-32 and 43 are incomplete because the claims from which they depend have been cancelled by the Examiner in accordance with MPEP 1214.06. Applicant is given a 1 MONTH TIME LIMIT from the date of this letter in which to present claims 28-32 and 43 in independent form. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in cancellation of claims 28-32 and 43 and this application will be allowed with claims 1, 2, 4-23 and 61.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Troy Arnold whose telephone number is 703-305-0621. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on 703-308-2672. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-0302.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1148.

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